









N-NO!!

WHY?!

IT SOUNDS  
SCARY!!

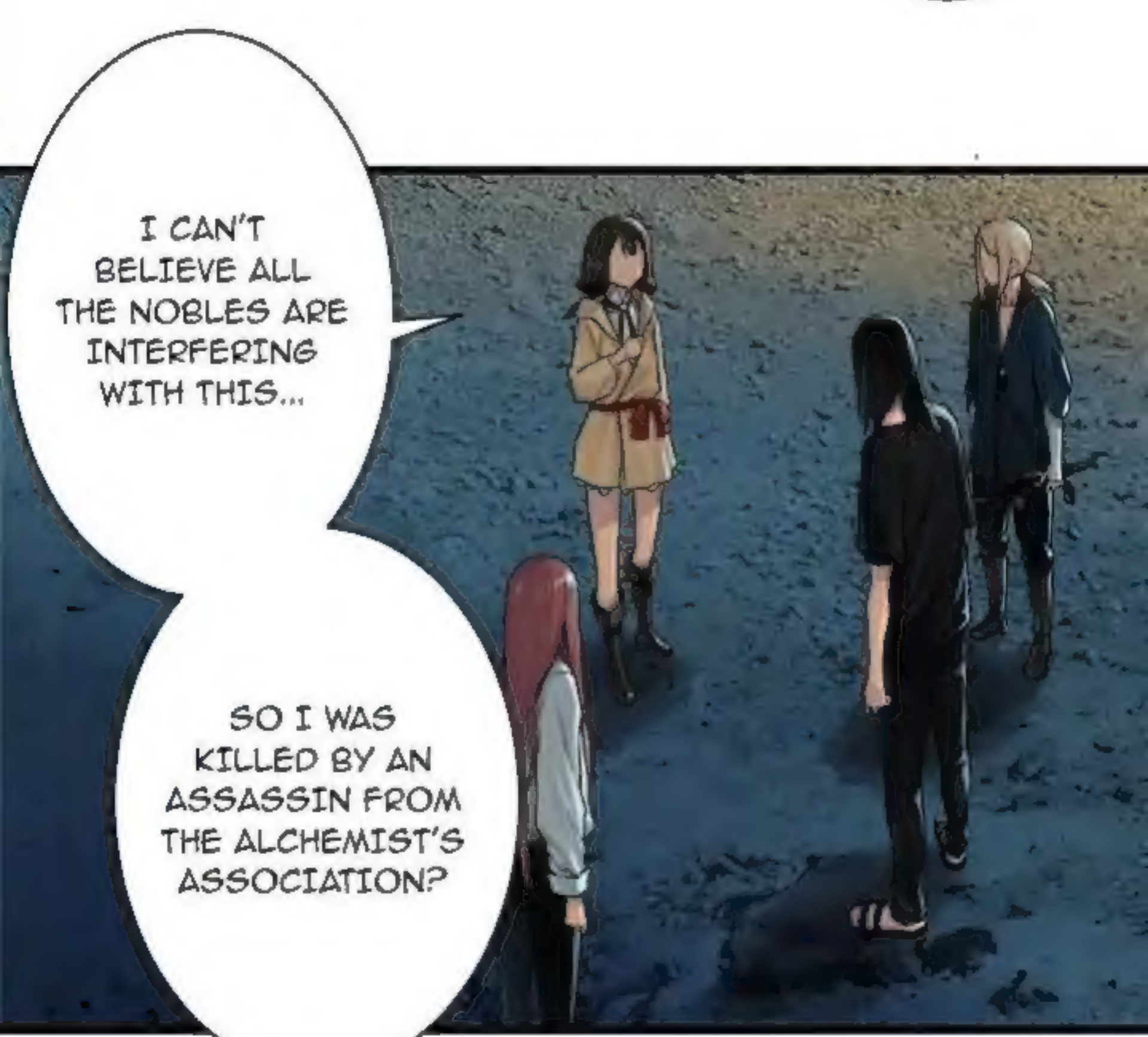
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I-IS THAT  
TRUE?!

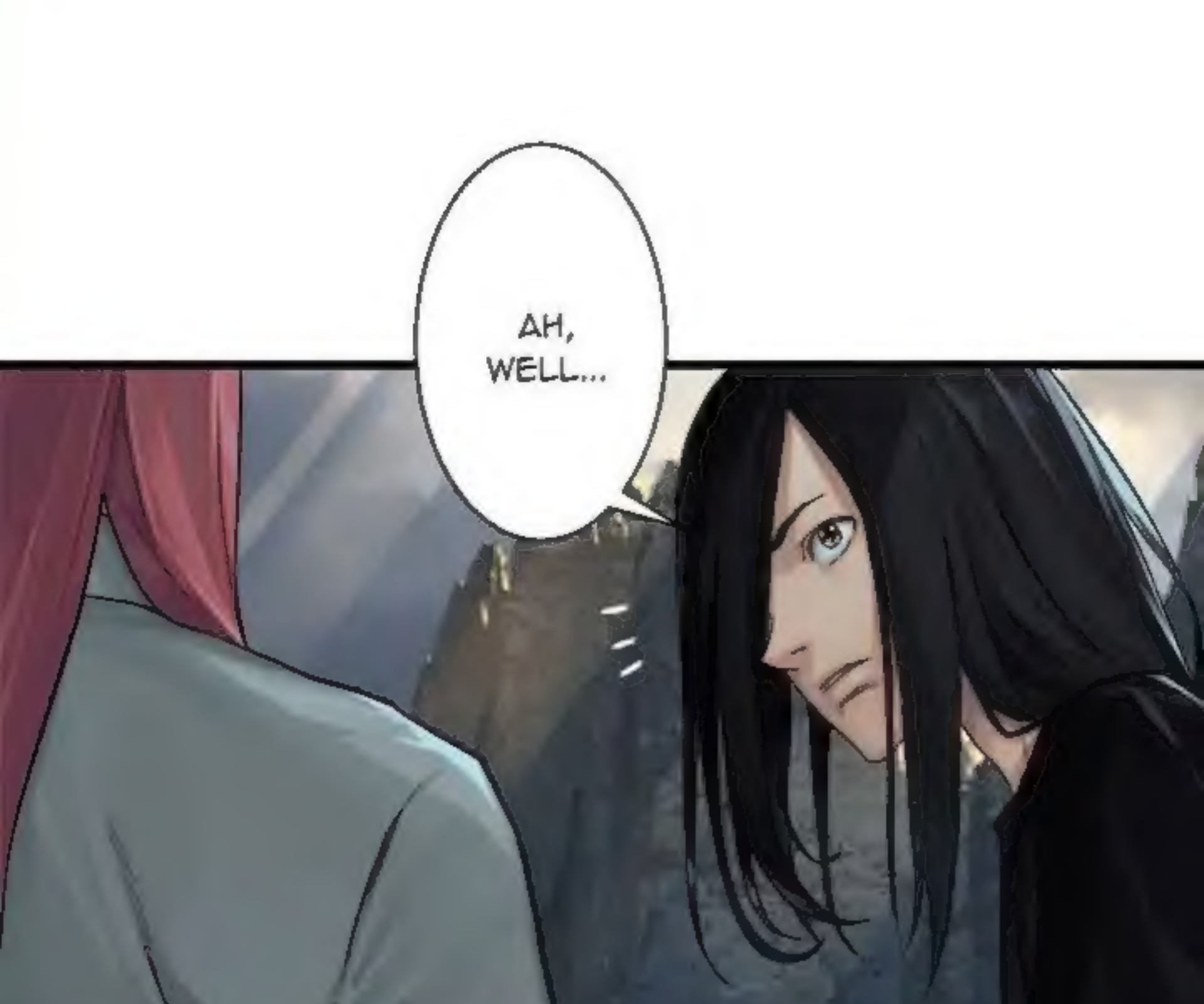
YEAH.

YOU NEARLY  
DIED, YOU KNOW.

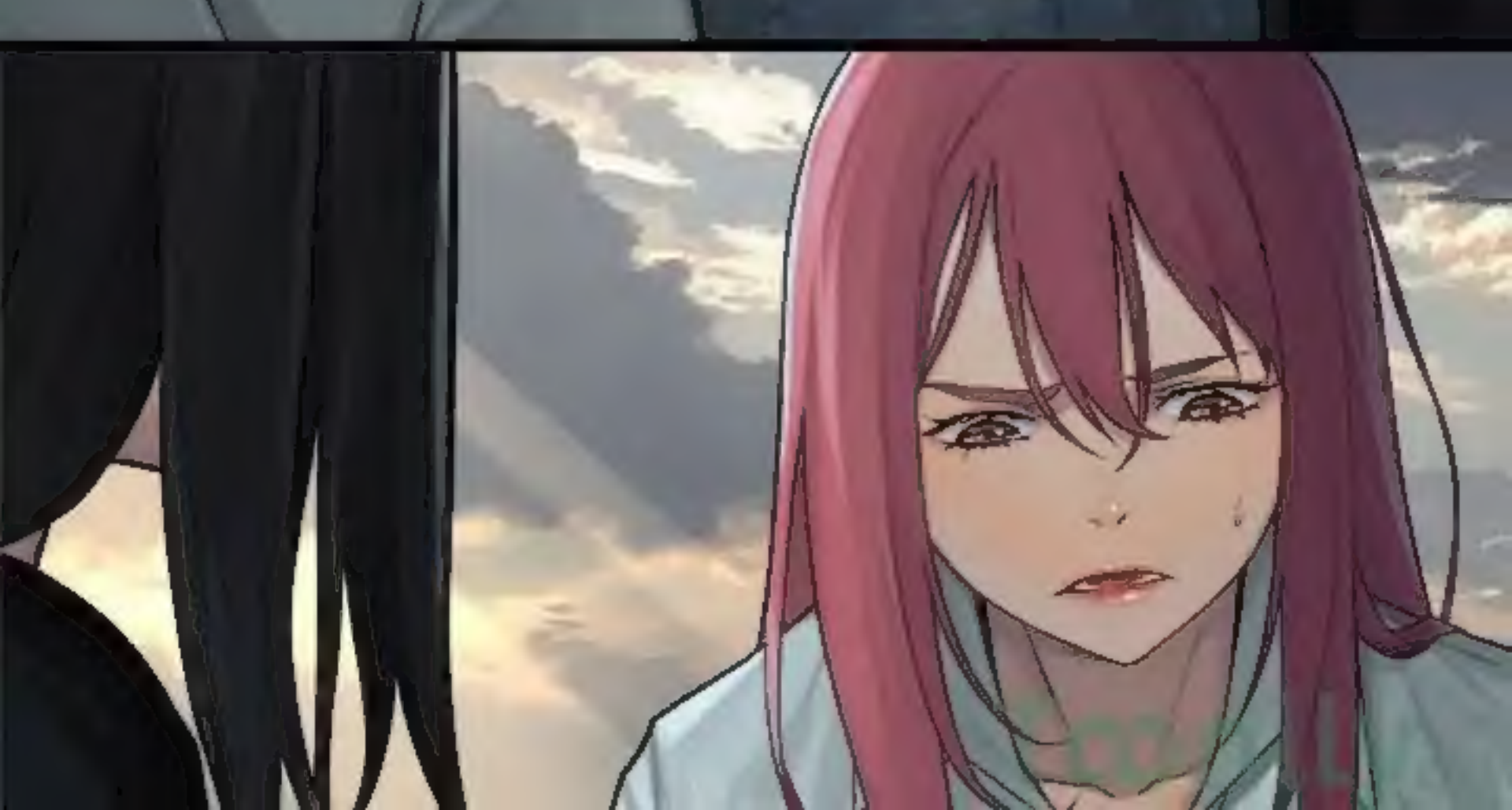


I CAN'T  
BELIEVE ALL  
THE NOBLES ARE  
INTERFERING  
WITH THIS...

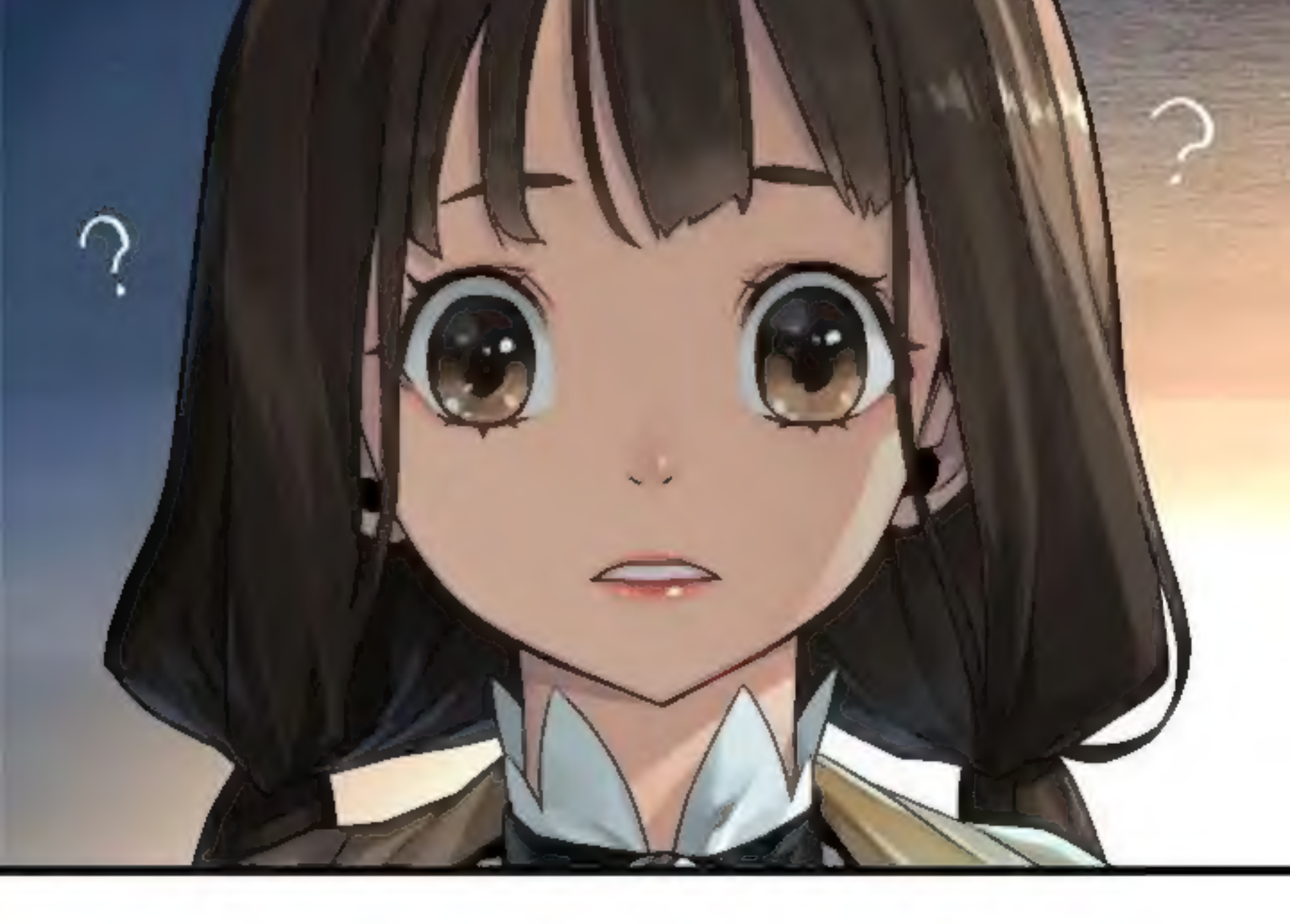
SO I WAS  
KILLED BY AN  
ASSASSIN FROM  
THE ALCHEMIST'S  
ASSOCIATION?



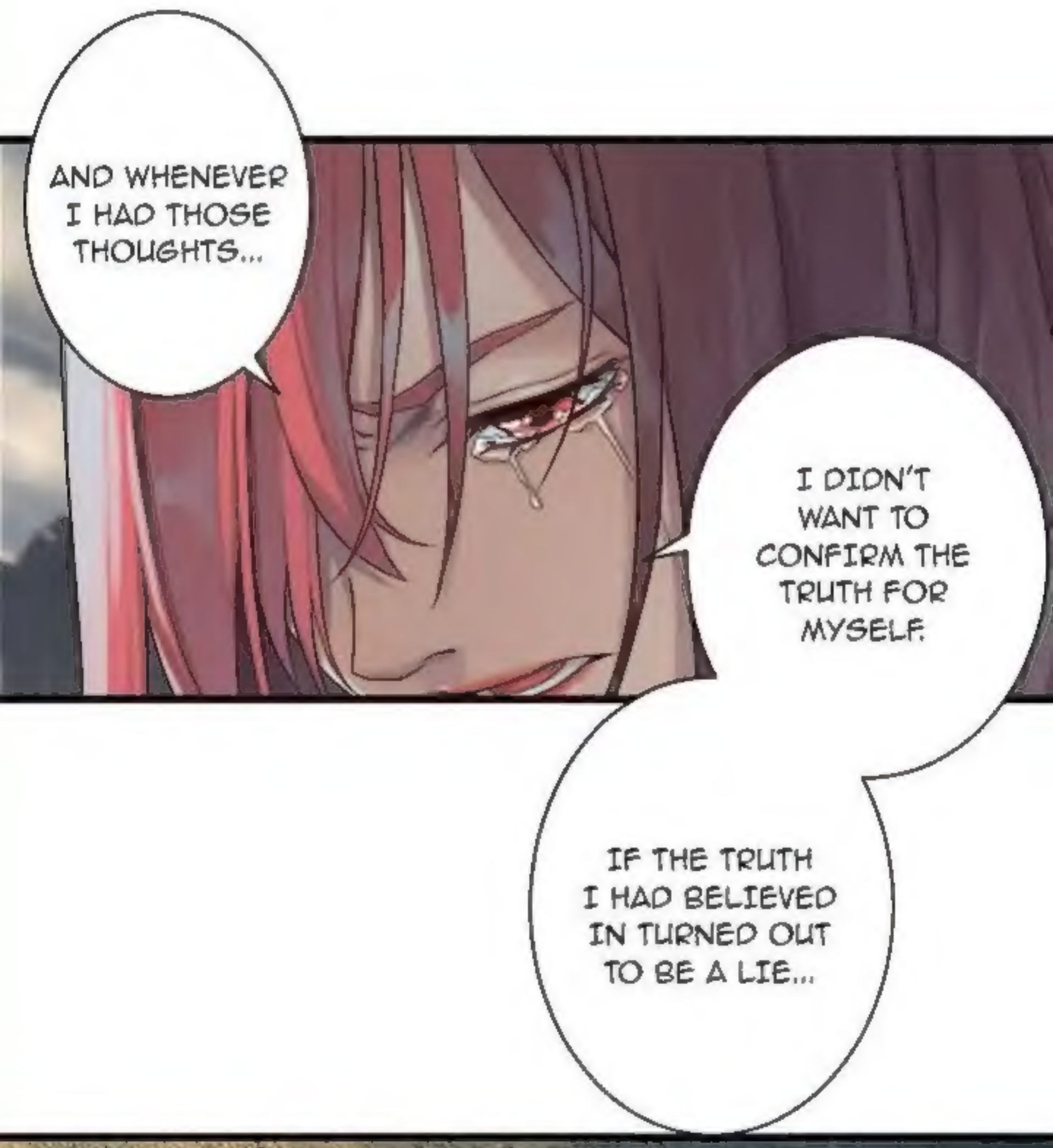
AH,  
WELL...

















"PEOPLE DON'T CARE ABOUT SUFFERING THEY CAN'T SEE WITH THEIR OWN TWO EYES."

THEY DON'T WANT TO KNOW, OR EVEN THINK ABOUT IT."

I AGREED WITH THAT...

BUT AS TIME PASSED, I ALSO REALIZED ONE OTHER THING.

THAT THE TRULY IMPORTANT THING...

MIGHT JUST BE THE THING WE'RE AVOIDING FINDING OUT.

THE NOBLES HAVE ELIMINATED THE EXPEDITIONS SO FAR...

TO CLAIM THE THRONE.

I GUESS THIS MIGHT BE TRUE...

BUT NOW I WAS SURE.

WOULD I BE ABLE TO INFORM HIS MAJESTY AND HIS PEOPLE OF THIS?

JUST HOW MUCH MORE DANGER WILL I BE IN IF I DO THAT?



AND JUST  
HOW MANY...

THINGS THAT  
I DON'T WANT  
TO KNOW...

WILL I FIND  
WHEN I GO  
TO THE  
NORTH?

IT'S  
HONESTLY...

REALLY  
SCARY.

BUT...

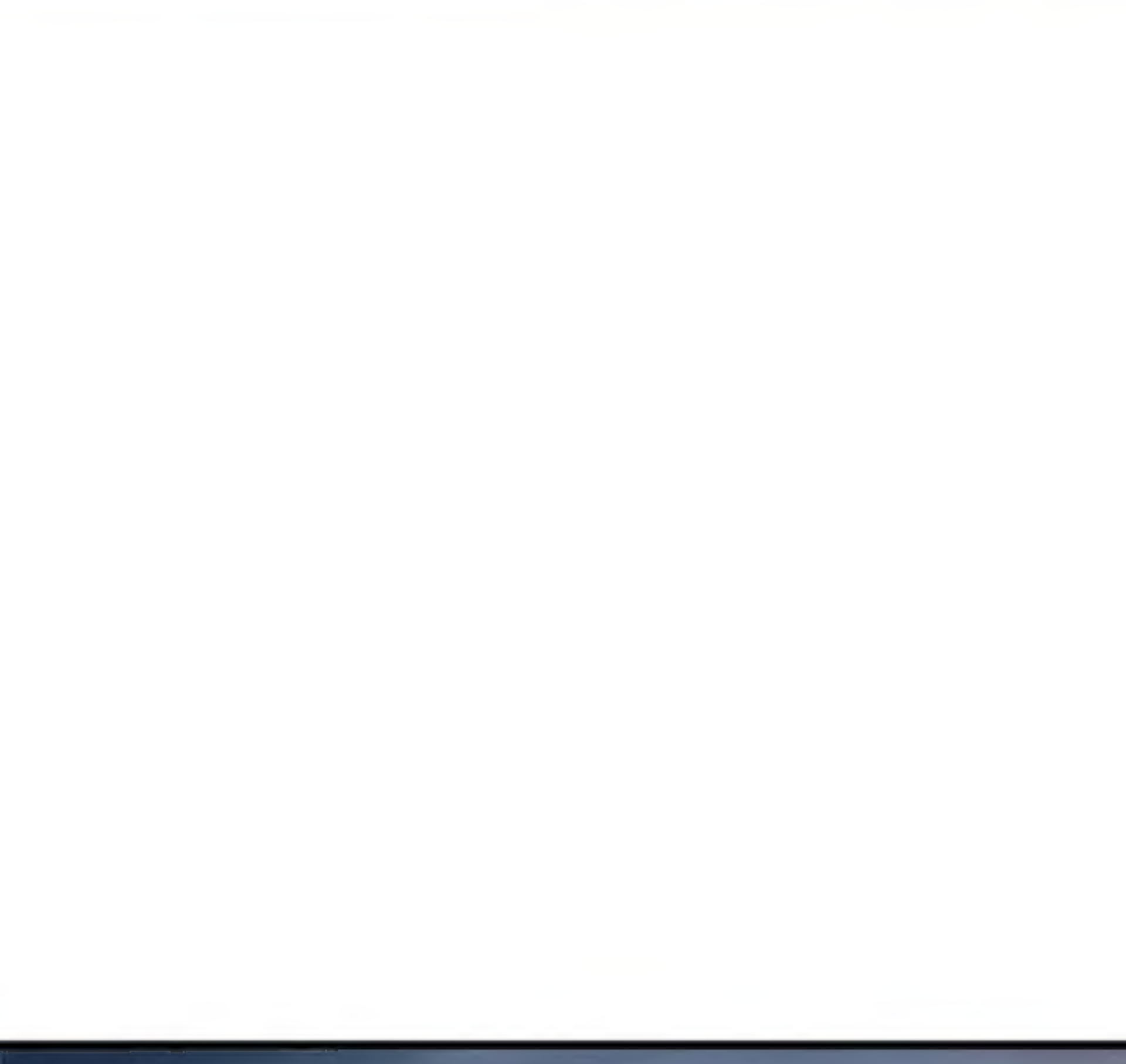
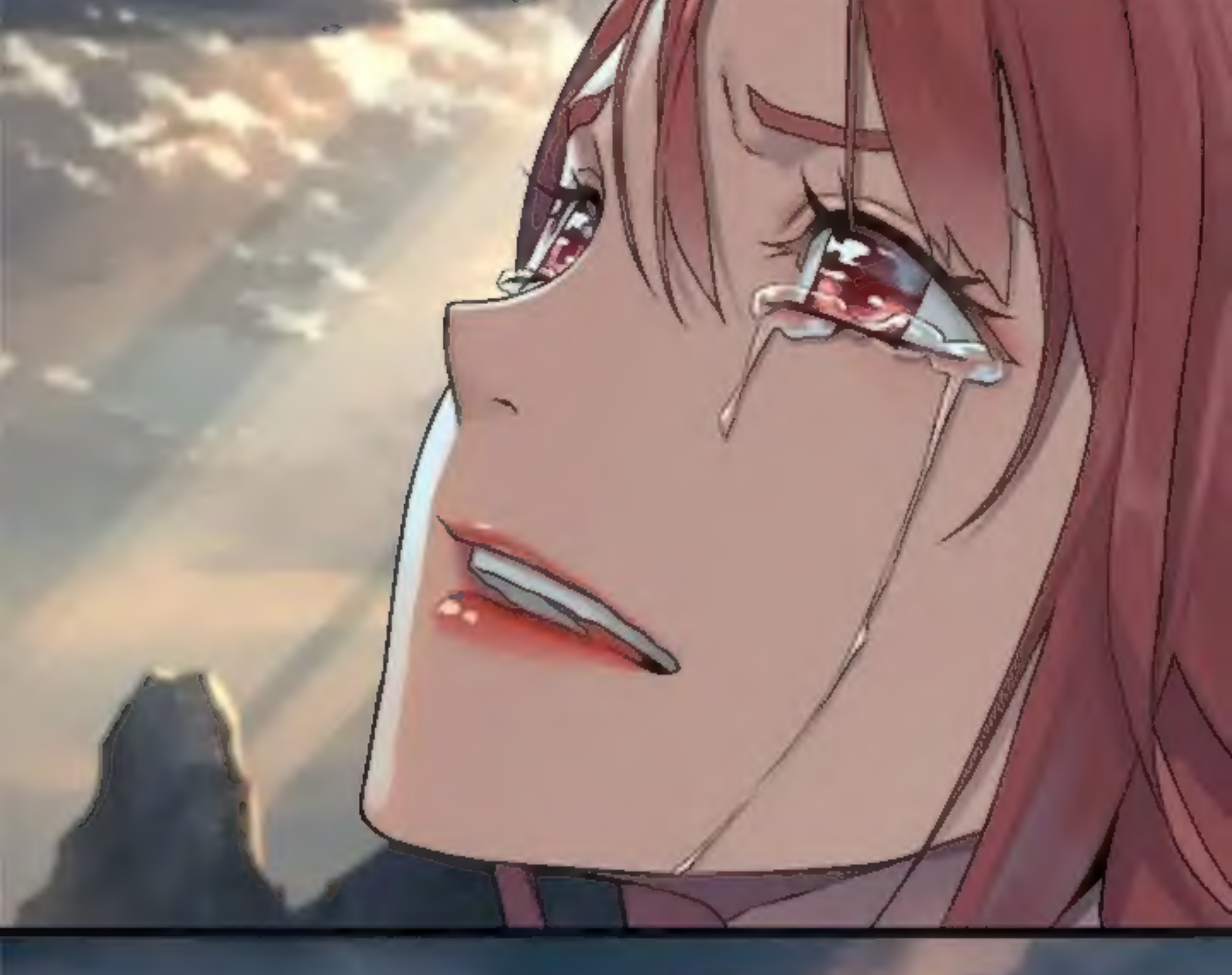
I DOUBT  
THERE'S  
ANYONE WHO  
CAN MAKE  
A WISE  
DECISION...

IF THEY  
DON'T KNOW  
WHAT THEY  
DON'T WANT  
TO KNOW.

I THINK...

YOU'RE  
READY TO  
BECOME A  
WISE  
PERSON.









ARE WE  
READY TO  
LEAVE?

AH! BY  
THE WAY LORD  
YUTUBA...

DON'T YOU  
THINK THERE'S  
MORE TO THAT  
GRAMPS THAN  
WE CAN SEE?

RIGHT?

BASED ON  
WHAT HAPPENED  
BEFORE, HE MUST'VE  
GONE TO THE  
NORTH...

I THINK WE  
SHOULD ASK HIM  
WHAT HAPPENED.

LORD  
YUTUBA!

AH, I GUESS  
THEY'RE DONE  
TALKING.

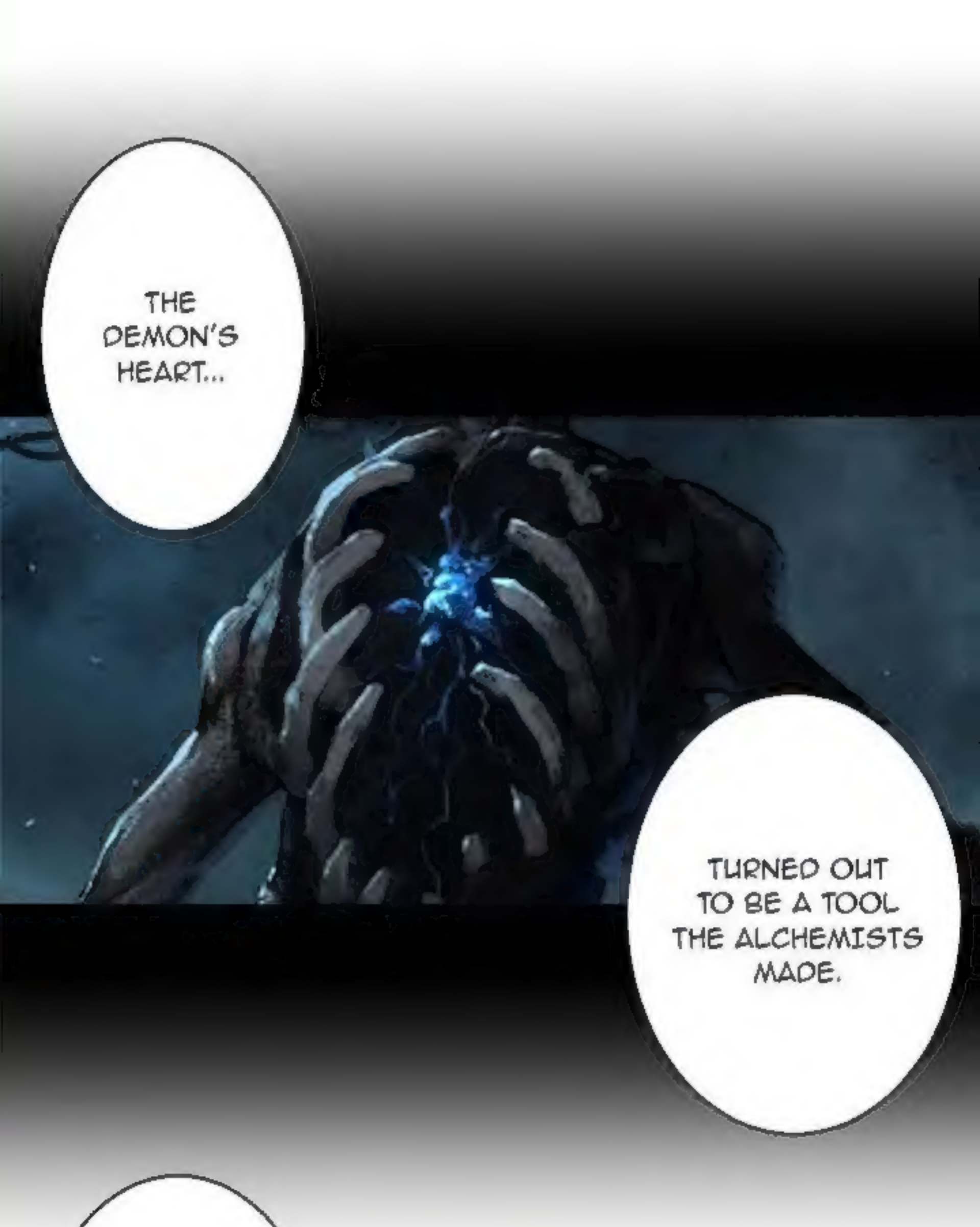
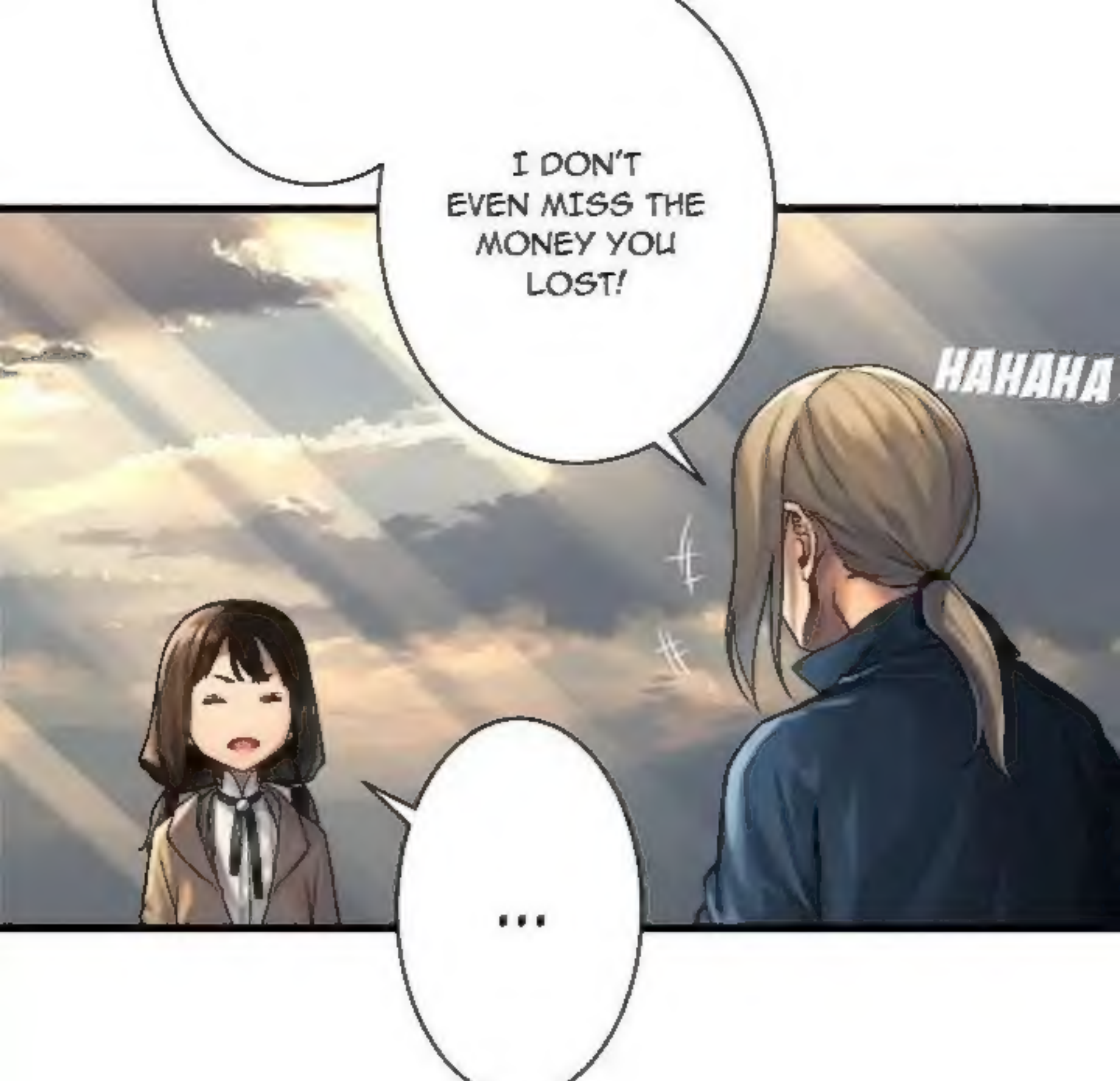
CAN WE  
LEAVE NOW?

YEAH,  
THE GRAMPS  
SAID HE'D TAKE  
US TO THE  
NORTH.

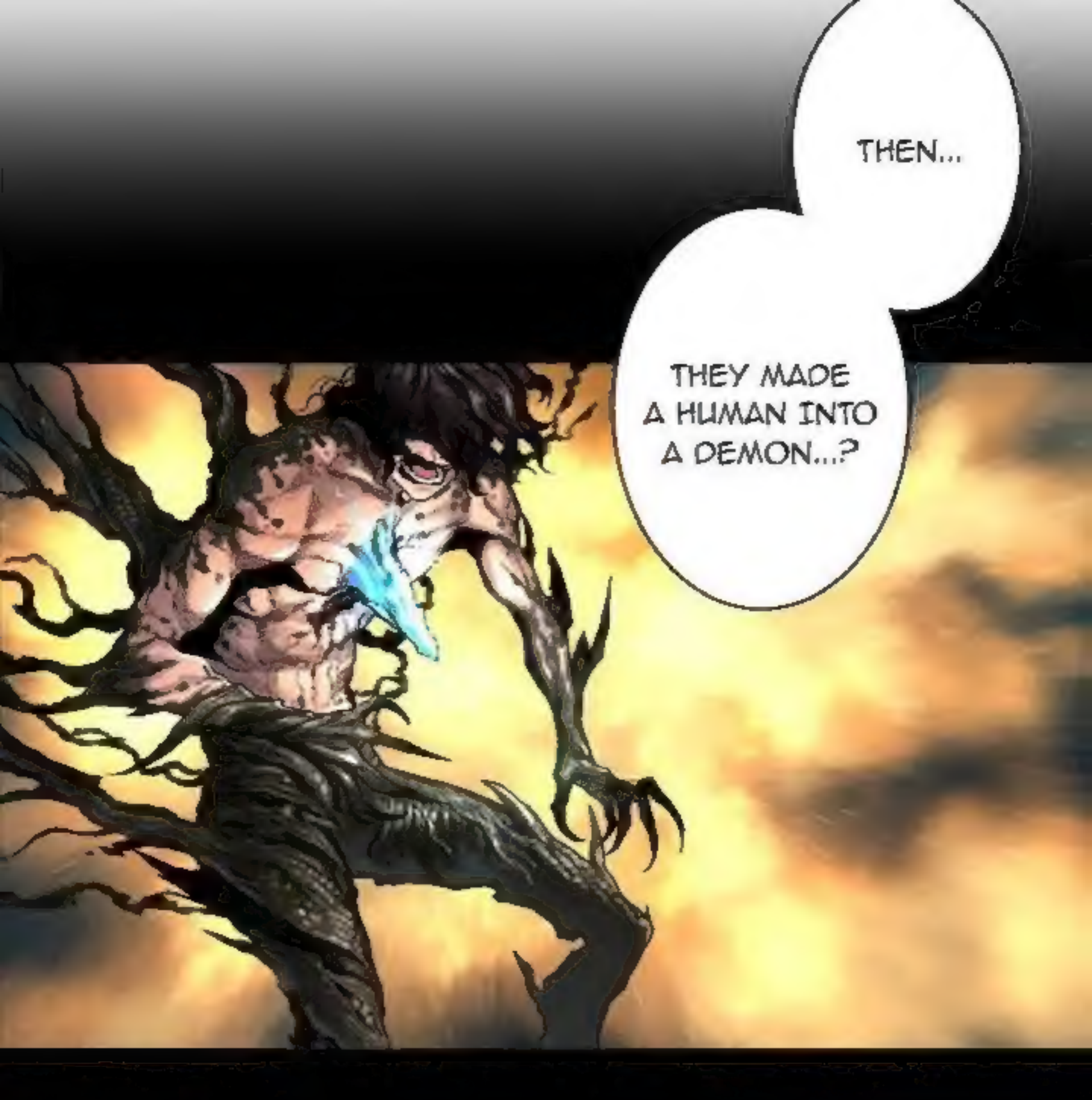
AND FOR  
FREE!

ISN'T THAT  
A RELIEF,  
MISS MAINA?









THEN...

THEY MADE  
A HUMAN INTO  
A DEMON...?



WE BARDS  
HAVE SONGS ABOUT  
THE KING'S EXPEDITION  
FORCES TOO.

KALTOVIA,  
LORD OF THE  
WALL, AND GRIA,  
HIS BLADE.

THE STORIES  
OF THEM BEING  
TEMPTED BY THE  
NORTH'S DEMONS  
AND BECOMING  
ONE WITH THEM  
ARE FAMOUS.



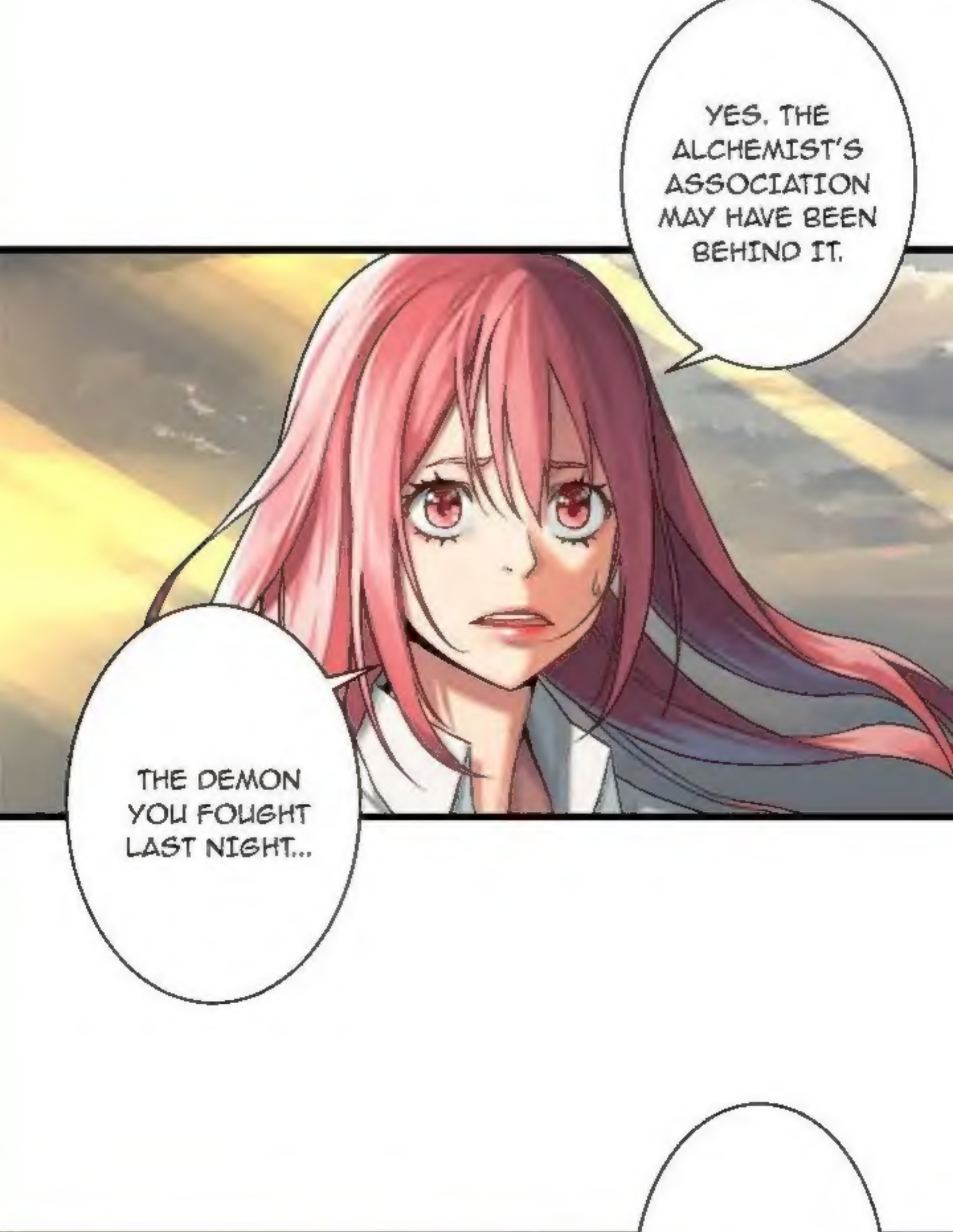
AND THEIR  
FRIEND AND ALLY,  
THE COURT WIZARD  
GODIN...

HE WAS  
THOUGHT TO HAVE  
DISAPPEARED IN  
THE NORTH...



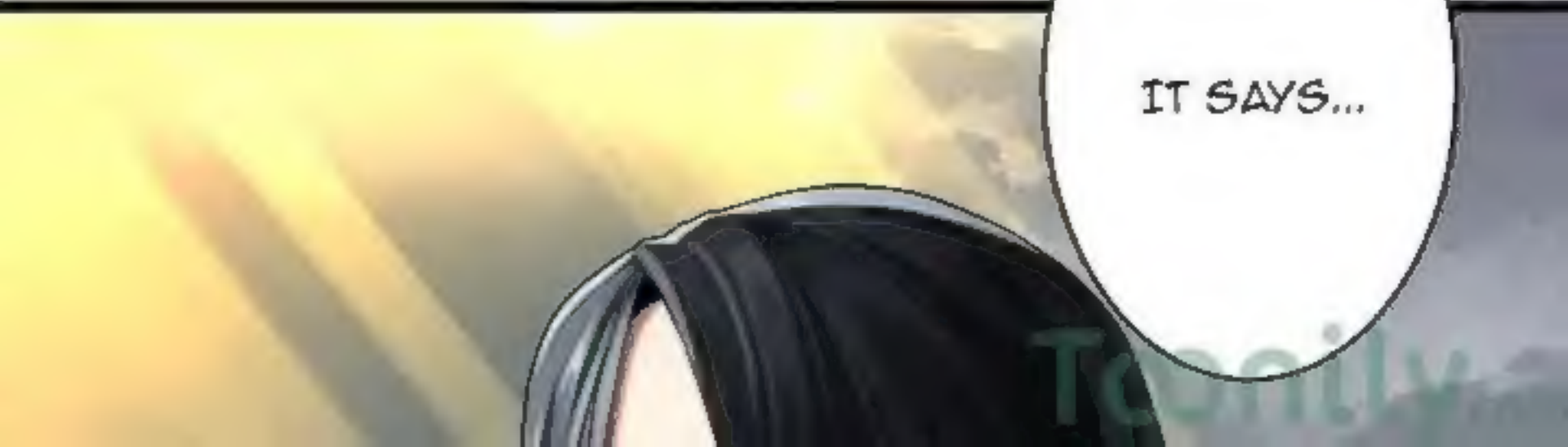
DON'T  
TELL ME...

THEY  
BECAME  
DEMONS  
BECAUSE...



YES. THE  
ALCHEMIST'S  
ASSOCIATION  
MAY HAVE BEEN  
BEHIND IT.

THE DEMON  
YOU FOUGHT  
LAST NIGHT...



IT SAYS...





THE WIZARD  
GODIN WAS USED...  
TO MAKE IT.

KALTOVIA  
OF THE DUSK...  
MY OLD FRIEND...

HAVE YOU  
FORGOTTEN  
ME ALREADY...?

THERE'S  
NOTHING I  
CAN DO...

IN THIS  
WORLD THAT  
LACKS NATURE'S  
PROVIDENCE...

HE COULDN'T...

DO ANYTHING  
IN THIS MANALESS  
WORLD...

THE ONLY  
THING HE COULD  
DO... WAS WAIT  
FOR KALTOVIA'S  
HELP.

IT DOESN'T  
MAKE SENSE THAT  
THE EXPEDITION  
FORCE THAT HAD  
BEEN FIGHTING THE  
DEMONS FOR  
DECADES...

WOULD  
SUDDENLY  
SWITCH  
SIDES.

IT LOOKS LIKE  
THE ALCHEMIST'S  
ASSOCIATION CAUSED  
GODIN'S DISAPPEARANCE



...SOMEONE ELSE...  
AT THE VERY LEAST.

LORD  
RONIAN  
SAID HE WAS  
A STUDENT OF  
THE COURT  
WIZARD...

MAYBE  
HE WENT TO  
THE NORTH TO  
FIND HIS MISSING  
TEACHER...

WE NEED  
TO INVESTIGATE  
WHAT HAPPENED  
IN THE NORTH.

AS LONG AS  
WE FIGURE OUT  
WHAT EXACTLY  
HAPPENED, OR  
FIND SOME EVIDENCE,  
EVEN THE NOBLES  
WON'T BE ABLE TO  
DO ANYTHING.

THANKS  
FOR THE INFO,  
LUA.

HER SUMMON